

Hobbs was arrested last October for allegedly holding a 25-year-old Otway woman hostage in her home for six hours and repeatedly raping her on Oct. 5. A second man, Daniel Tackett, 21, of Lucasville, was charged with aggravated bur-

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guilty last Oct. 22 on a count of sexual battery for engaging in sexual intercourse with a 42-year-old woman at a Scioto Residential Services group home in January, 1993. Hobbs was sentenced to two years in prison, the maximum possible on the third-degree felony.

Residents of the group home have some form of mental retardation or developmental disability. Hobbs had been employed at

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and serve longer than that.

"It's been our experience that sex offenders generally don't get their first parole eligibility," he said.

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J&H Erector employees Hager Fannin, left, and Dave Ralstin attach a tube steel girder to part of the vertical I-beams that are part of the new arts center being constructed on the campus of Shawnee State University Friday afternoon. This particular wall will eventually be the back wall of the stage area of the new complex.

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# Toxic cleanup starts at steel mill site

## Two developers may build nearby

By PAUL F. NELSON  
Times Staff Writer

Cleanup and removal of illegal PCB disposals on a portion of the former steel mill property in New Boston is under way, and two developers have made tentative plans to build large retail sites in the mill area.

New Boston Industrial Corp. hired Environmental Construction Inc. of Talmadge to clean up the spill that occurred in the 1980s on a 6.75-acre

tract owned by John Pizzuto of Nitro Crane and Rigging Co. of Nitro, W. Va.

Andrew Warren, assistant regional counsel for the Chicago office of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, said the PCBs spilled from transformers during the razing of the steel mill.

The contractor hired to do the cleanup only cleaned up five of eight sites, and there are various liens against the property.

Robert Newman, former consultant to New Boston Industrial Corp. and now coordinator for the cleanup, said the USEPA entered into an agree-

ment with the corporation, which owns other former steel mill property, to fund the cleanup.

Newman said the cost of the cleanup is expected to come from insurance.

Newman said the work is expected to take six months to a year. He said the contaminated material will be taken to an approved landfill.

Jim Johnson, a deputy treasurer in the Scioto County Treasurer's office, said there are \$21,623 in delinquent property taxes against the tract dating back to 1990.

He noted, however, that the

county has made no effort to begin foreclosure action because to do so could possibly place the county in a position of having to pay part of the cleanup costs.

Newman said a 24-acre tract between Taylor and River avenues owned by the corporation has been optioned by a Cleveland developer interested in putting in a 165,000-square-foot enclosed retail operation.

Newman said another 15 acres east of Taylor Avenue is under option to a North Carolina developer who is considering building a 95,000-square-foot retail store.

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